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3. **Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).**

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 G01N27/64

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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